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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants through
counsel herewith submit a copy of the patents as set forth in the attached form PTO-1449.

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§1.17 (i). *See* 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (d).

It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be made of record in the present application.

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